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A concise explanation of the relevance of items AA-AC is in the form of a copy of "European Search Report" dated February 27, 2004, issued over the corresponding European Patent Application, that was mailed from a foreign patent office and issued in a counterpart foreign application, which refers to the references. The "European Search Report" mailed February 27, 2004 is listed as item AD and a copy is included herewith.

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